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OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 WITH AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2002, please enter the following amendments into the file of the above-identified application and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the instant amendment, and (2) a Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate) accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

It is estimated that no other fee is required for filing this Reply. However, should the United States Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge the necessary fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice and add new claims as follows:

a1 23. (new) A pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of atherosclerosis, hyperlipidemia, or hypoalphalipoproteinemia, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of unilamellar liposomes consisting essentially of phospholipids having an average diameter greater than about 100 nm obtainable by extruding phospholipids through filters.